Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 10 August 2017

Re-appointment of Non-Executive Director to the Board of Lothian Buses Limited

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Executive summary

Mr Donald Andrew MacLeod was appointed to the Board of Lothian Buses Ltd ("LB") as a Non-Executive Director on 1 September 2009. He was most recently re-appointed to the Board in July 2015. This appointment was for a further two years and is due to lapse on 31 July 2017.

This report requests committee approval for Mr MacLeod to be re-appointed to the Board for a further year, until 31 July 2018.

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1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that the committee approve the re-appointment of Mr Macleod to the Board of Lothian Buses (LB) for a further year, ending on 31 July 2018.

2. Background

- 2.1 LB is an arms length external organisation (ALEO) which is 91% owned by the Council. This arrangement is governed by a shareholder agreement between the Council and LB.
- 2.2 Under the terms of the shareholder agreement, appointment of directors to the Board of LB requires the consent of the Council.

3. Main report

- 3.1 LB advise that Mr MacLeod is an active and highly valued member of the Board. He was appointed by the Board to the position of Senior Independent Director in June 2016. Prior to this he was a long-serving Chair of the company's Audit and Risk Committee and remains a member of this committee. Mr MacLeod is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and has a professional financial background.
- 3.2 LB wish to re-appoint Mr MacLeod for a further year and during this period the company shall seek to recruit a similarly qualified successor who can replace Mr MacLeod at the expiry of his term (on 1 August 2018).
- 3.3 Council officers agree that Mr MacLeod should be re-appointed to the Board of LB as requested.
- 3.4 If committee agrees to the recommendation of this report, it shall have retrospective effect, such that Mr MacLeod shall be considered to have been reappointed from 1 August 2017.

4. Measures of success

4.1 Delivery of a safe, efficient and cost effective integrated transport operation for the city.

5. Financial impact

5.1 There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 The appointment of appropriately qualified and skilled directors to the Board of LB helps to ensure that there is good governance of the company and robust management of operational and financial risk.

7. Equalities impact

7.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from the recommendations in this report.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 There are no sustainability impacts arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 The Board of LB has approved this appointment.

10. Background reading/external references

None.

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